




## Creating your own Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM-ettes)

- Go to FEMA's "Map Service Center" at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov)
- In the box at the top left, make sure that the product you are selecting is "Flood Maps," then type in the full physical address of the property for which you need a map. Then click on the "Search by Street Address" box below where you typed in the address.
- If it is a valid address, the next page will be "Map Search Results." You should see the Map Item ID (this is the "panel number"), the Description and the Effective Date. Click on the magnifying glass under View  to see your panel.
- You will now see the FIRM panel that contains your property. Click on the box on the left side of the screen that is under the "Zoom In" and "Zoom Out" buttons that says "Make a FIRMette."
- Using your cursor, drag the pink box that appears on the upper left of the map and center it over your property of interest on the map. If you can't tell where your property is on the map at the scale that is show, you can click on the "Zoom In" button on the left side of the screen  and then click somewhere on the map to see it closer.
- Once you have dragged and centered the pink box over your property of interest, use the buttons labeled "3. Create FIRMette" on the left side of the screen to create your map in either .pdf or .png format.
- Click on the box in the top left corner that says "Save your FIRMette"  and save it to your computer. Once it's saved, open it to print or email it.
- NOTE: If FEMA's Map Service Center website clunks out while you're trying to make your FIRMette (like it did to us while we were making this document), you may have to start over or use your browser's back button to get to somewhere you can start again.

See an example of a FIRMette on the reverse of this page.

